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DRAFT PROGRAM

Day 1

08h30 -09h00: Registration

Session 1: SETTING THE SCENE - TO BE CHAIRED BY MR SEANA NKHAHLE

09h00 – 09h10 Welcoming and Presentation of Key Note Speakers

09h10 – 09h40 **Speaker 1:** Opening Address

By Ms Ayanda Dlodlo the Honourable Deputy Minister for Public Service and Administration and South Africa's Special Envoy for the Open Government Partnership

09h40 – 09h50 **Speaker 2:** Purpose and Rationale

By the Acting HoD/Chief Director COGTA

10h00 – 10h30 TEA

10h30 – 11h15 Session 2: PANEL DISCUSSION: CONTEXTUAL FRAMING OF THE THEME

TO BE FACILITATED BY MS. NONTANDO NGAMLANA

Speakers are to contextualise the theme locating it in the current political, socio-economic, rapidly urbanising and technologically advancing society, particularly as this impacts on local governance. They will look at the legislative framework and highlight key opportunities for the establishment of a meaningful relationship between citizens and the state while also highlighting where potential limitations may lie.

Each speaker is to leave participants with 2 key questions to ponder over the 2 days.

1. Dr Somadoda Fikeni
2. Prof. Lawrence Piper
3. Sonwabo Gqegqe

11h15 – 12h30 Discussion

12h30 – 13h30 LUNCH

13H30 – 15H00 SESSION 3: THE GRAND POLITICAL PARTY DEBATE

TO BE MODERATED BY Cllr. Mr. Thabo Manyoni (SALGA)

Panellists: a) Ms Ayanda Dlodlo, the Chair of the Legislation and Governance Sub-Committee of the ANC National Executive Committee
b) EFF representative
c) DA representative

- i. *In essence, each speaker must express what they deem necessary towards building and consolidating a citizen centric local governance system towards a capable developmental local state*
- ii. *The grand debate will be structured as a panel discussion with each political party allowed presenting its perspective (a specific brief will be developed to inform their inputs)*
- iii. *The moderator will be allowed sufficient time to engage speakers and open discussion for a plenary debate*

15h00 -16h00: Discussion and engagement with the panellists

16h00 – 16h30: Closure

18H30 – 20H00 DINNER

19h00 – 19H45 UNCONFERENCING WITH (Guest Speaker to be a retired Constitutional Court Justice)

Facilitator: MR. IBRAHIM FAKIR/ DR. SOMADODA FIKENI

Day 2

08h30 -08h45 Opening and Programme Overview

08h45– 10h00 Session 3: STRENGTHENING THE SERVICE DELIVERY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENS AND RE-ACTIVATING CIVIL SOCIETY

PANEL DISCUSSION: TO BE FACILITATED BY DR. RAMA NAIDU

Harnessing opportunities for strategic partnership development between civil society and local municipalities around service delivery; drawing insights and lessons from existing creative models.

*The proposal is that this panel discussion be anchored by **Professor Siphamandla Zondi** and respondents to be two civil society activist and SALGA*

The facilitator will be allowed time to critically engage with the issues and facilitate an engagement in a plenary discussion)

Suggestion: that one CSO member be Mirjam van Donk of Isandla (drawing on their work on the civic academy thinking and the GGLN work on co-creation) and someone else from CORC on their participatory in-situ upgrading programme

10h00 – 10h30 TEA

10h30 – 11h15 **Session 4: TO BE FACILITATED BY**

PANEL DISCUSSION: EXPLORING THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN DEEPENING PARTICIPATORY LOCAL GOVERNANCE

*Tswane Metro (Tswifi)
Grassroots
Black Sash on CMAP
Amandla.mobi*

11h15 – 11h30 Preparing for Commissions

11h30 – 13h30 **Session 5: BREAK AWAY INTO COMMISSIONS**

The proposal is that the conference breaks into three sub-conferences and discusses three similar questions.

Key areas may include

- a) Proposals on innovative community involvement and civil society participation in local governance*
- b) Proposals on structuring and lines of accountability and community interaction between a Ward Councillor and communities and between a Ward Councillor and Traditional Institutions between a Ward Councillor and Ward Committee*
- c) Proposal on key areas of legislative review if any*
- d) Proposals on innovative ways the role of Ward Committees can be improved*

13H30 – 14H00 LUNCH

14H00 – 15H15 Session 5: PLENARY DISCUSSION FROM COMMISSIONS (and way forward)

TO BE FACILITATED BY MR. SONWABO GQEGQE

15H15 – 15H30 CLOSURE